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# Agency Names Aide For Wasatch Park

By L. Don Lefevre  
Tribune Staff Writer

The appointment of H. Clay Cummings, longtime Wasatch County rancher, churchman and civic official, as project coordinator for the Wasatch Mountain State Park was announced Wednesday by the Utah State Park and Recreation Commission.

**MR. CUMMINGS**, CURRENTLY serving as president of the New Zealand Mission, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is expected to return to Utah and assume his duties by April 1, said Commission Chairman Harold P. Fabian.



H. Clay Cummings . . . Will be key figure in park future.

Mr. Fabian said the commission is grateful to Mr. Cummings for accepting the position and to the First Presidency of the LDS Church for making the appointment possible.

**SPEAKING FOR** the First Presidency, Henry D. Moyle, first counselor to President David O. McKay, said "We feel that the selection of Mr. Cummings as project coordinator will be an important contributing factor to the progress of the park."

"Since he has served the church in New Zealand some two years now," President Moyle added, "and, since he is needed here, we have decided to release him from his duties as mission president as soon as an effective transition can be made."

**MR. CUMMINGS** went to New Zealand originally as director of the temple bureau of information at Hamilton, and later was called to head the mission, which is headquartered in Auckland.

He has been engaged in the livestock business most of his life and has served four terms each as mayor of Heber and as a Wasatch County commissioner.

**HE ALSO SERVED** as president of the Wasatch LDS Stake for more than 20 years.

Prior to his call to New Zealand, he worked with the Heber Valley Citizens' Committee, which assisted the park commission in obtaining property for the park.

**MR. FABIAN** said the commission selected Mr. Cummings for the position because he "has resided in the area of the park most of his life, he is familiar with the land involved and has proven to be a key figure in the park's establishment."

He will work with park director Aldin O. Hayward in carrying out the plans of the master development program submitted last autumn, Mr. Fabian said.

**FIRST PHASE** of development will, of necessity, be the construction of a primary road system within the boundaries of the park, to be followed by the establishment of picnic and camping facilities.

Mr. Fabian said no definite starting date has been set for the road construction.

**THE NEW** coordinator also will work closely with the U.S. Forest Service in planning for the over-all development of the park and the adjoining forest lands to the west of the park.

He will be the contact for various interests desiring to establish lodges, winter sports facilities and a possible aerial tramway, said Mr. Fabian.

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## Heber Man Selected As Park Coordinator

H. Clay Cummings, Heber rancher, businessman and civic and Church official, Thursday was named project coordinator for the Wasatch Mountain State Park.

Mr. Cummings, currently serving as president of the New Zealand Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will assume his new position April 1, according to Harold Fabian, Park and Recreation Commission chairman.

Mr. Cummings will be released from his Church position to assume his new duties.

### Board 'Delighted'

"We are delighted to have Mr. Cummings join our staff and are grateful to the First Presidency of the Church for its cooperation in making the appointment possible," Mr. Fabian said.

The First Presidency announced that Reed Kohler will succeed Mr. Cummings as president of the mission. Mr. Kohler is from Midway in Wasatch County (See separate story this page.)

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### Bureau Director

The new project coordinator was called to serve as director of the New Zealand Temple bureau of information at Hamilton. Later he was named president of the mission with headquarters in Auckland.

A former mayor of Heber for four consecutive terms, and a Wasatch County commissioner for four terms, Mr. Cummings also served as president of the Wasatch Stake of the Church for 21 years.

He has been engaged in livestock ranching and farming most of his life.

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### Plan for the Wasatch Mountain State Park

Chairman Fabian said the coordinator would work under Park Commissioner Director Aldin Hayward in carrying out development of the master plan program approved by the commission several months ago.

Mr. Cummings will also work out detailed planning for the many areas outlined only generally in the master plan prepared by Theodore Wirth, nationally recognized park planner, of Billings, Mont.

### Road System First

First projected development will be the construction of a primary road system within the park proper. This will be followed by establishment of picnic and camping grounds in order that visitors may begin to make use of the park, said Mr. Hayward. Full development will take years, he added.

Mr. Cummings will also work cooperatively in planning with the U.S. Forest Service for overall development of the Wasatch Mountains. Forest Service lands border much of the park on the west side.

He will also supervise the development of lodges, winter sports facilities and a possible aerial tramway to be financed with private money, Mr. Hayward said.

The Wasatch Mountain State Park includes 18,000 acres located on the east slopes of the range extending from Park City on the north to American Fork Canyon and Deer Creek Reservoir on the south. The land is being acquired on a 10-year purchasing arrangement worked out by the 1961 State Legislature. First payment on the land was made in November.



# Clay Cummings New President Of L.D.S. New Zealand Mission



President and Mrs. H. Clay Cummings have been selected by the General Authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to preside over the New Zealand Mission of the Church.

## *Appointments Made by Church General Authorities*

The appointment of two new mission presidents was announced Tuesday by the First Presidency, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

They are Fred W. Schwendiman, Salt Lake printing firm owner who will become president of the New Zealand South Mission, succeeding President Alexander P. Anderson of Salt Lake City, and President H. Clay Cummings, Laie, Oahu, Hawaii, formerly of Heber City, who will preside over the New Zealand Mission, succeeding President Robert L. Simpson of Inglewood, California. Both will be accompanied by their wives.

### **Special Assignment**

President and Mrs. Cummings have been fulfilling a special assignment from the First Presidency at the Hawaii Temple Bureau of Information since last August. He formerly presided over the Wasatch Stake for 21 years. Previously he served as bishop of the Heber Second Ward following his second (Eastern States) mission. His first mission was in the Northern States.

He was the resident negotiator for the State Parks and Recreation Commission and responsible for getting the options on 21,078 acres of land in less than two years, prior to accepting the temple bureau assignment last summer. The land will embrace the Wasatch Park project.

### **Livestock Business**

President Cummings has been engaged in the livestock business and served four terms as mayor of Heber City, as a county commissioner four years, State Wool Association director, president of the Heber Exchange and director of Oil, Inc.

Mrs. Cummings has also served the auxiliaries of the Church as Ward Relief Society president, on the stake board of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association. They have six sons and daughters and 23 grandchildren.







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# Utah Legislative Council Inspects Wasatch State Park

## Favorable Impression Voiced By State Legislators

Wasatch County showed off its proposed state park site Monday for officials of the Utah Parks Commission, members of the Legislative Council and top brass National Guardsmen.

Meeting at Bonanza Flat at 9:00 Monday morning, the group, which also included local civic leaders, went over a relief map of the state park area. Harold Fabian, chairman of the State Parks and Recreation Commission, pointed out the route to be followed on the tour.

The group adjourned briefly for breakfast at the Homestead and then went to Mill Flat where Colonel Herbert Price, commander of the 115th Engineer Company, had 15 National Guard jeeps at the disposal of the tour.

COLONEL PRICE LED A tour of his bivouac in the Mill Flat amphitheatre. An ambush was staged near the head of Snake Creek with bombs and gunfire simulating an effective battle.

On a ridge between Heber Valley and Deer Creek the group stopped while Fabian showed the scope of the park. The tour then turned back to the head of American Fork Canyon where more points of interest were viewed.

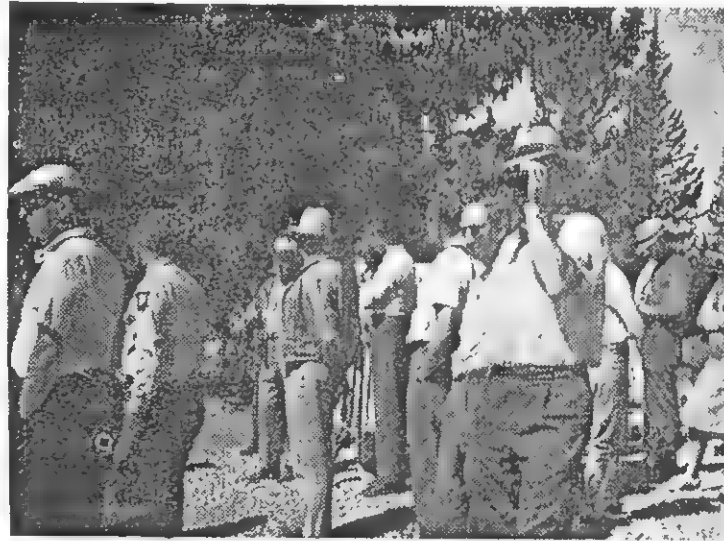
A 2 p. m. banquet at The Homestead featured talks by Fabian, who told the story of the park from the beginning; by Guy Coleman, Wasatch County Commissioner; Pres Robinson, editor of the Desert News, who stated that if the park is not carried out it will be a "crime against the state of Utah"; and Harold H. Smith, the president of the Wasatch Chamber of Commerce. Following the banquet the Legislative Council met in a brief session.

### Meet Tour

Meeting the tour at Guardsman's Pass were Guy Coleman, Chairman of the County Commission, Harold Smith, Chamber Pres.; El-Roy Van Wagoner, Lions Club Pres.; J. F. Mountford, Heber Valley Jaycee Pres.; Ferrin Whitaker, Midway Boosters Club Pres., and H. Clay Cummings, parks representative in this area. These men were assigned to the different cars of the group and told the council members of the park aims.



Harold Fabian, Parks Commission Chairman, explains relief map of proposed park site to Legislative Council members on Monday.



Legislative Council members view spectacular scenery found on the Guardsman's Pass area overlooking Bonanza Flat on tour.

*We stand for the Constitution of the United States  
as having been divinely inspired.*

# A Priceless Investment For Utah

**WHAT WOULD** the Mountain West be like today if, instead of public-spirited, far-visioned men, the developers of the Yellowstone region in Wyoming had been speculators interested in a fast dollar?

What value would there be to the public today if Zions and Bryce and the Grand Canyon and any number of other such wonders had been surrounded by honky-tonks or by private estates from which the public was barred?

What man today even considers the original dollar cost of protecting and developing those areas, compared to their priceless value today?

These questions are germane to the announcement this week that the Utah Park and Recreation Commission is prepared to acquire immediately the "heart" of the proposed Wasatch Mountain State Park and will ask the Legislature to appropriate funds to acquire the rest.

**EVERY INDICATION** is that future generations will have as much reason to be thankful for the vision that preserved that magnificent area for the public as the present generation has for those who preserved Yellowstone and Grand Canyon and Bryce and Zion and the rest.

Perhaps this park will be even more valuable. It is on the very edge of a metropolitan complex that will include a million people within another half-century. It offers the brightest hope that those million people will have a place to escape quickly and often from daily pressures, to seek solitude and the spiritual regeneration that can come from nature.

The western slope of the Wasatch, with its beautiful canyons, will always be limited in its recreation potential because of the problem of keeping the valley's drinking water pure. The park nearing reality on the eastern slope will have no such

limitation. It can be developed with recreation almost the sole consideration.

What the Park Commissioners have on their planning boards is a 24,000-acre tract of mountain and meadow land stretching from the shores of Deer Creek Reservoir north beyond Guardsman Pass. It is, essentially, the land on the opposite side of the mountain from American Fork and Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons.

**THE AREA** is unbelievably beautiful. It offers the possibility of countless excellent campsites and picnic grounds connected by roads winding peacefully through inspiring country. It offers slopes for skiing development that, connected by lifts with the Alta-Brighton complex, can surpass anything else in America. Plans are developing for a major resort hotel with golf course and winter and summer sports, with part of the income going to the state.

Present tax income from lands included in the proposed park run \$4,020 a year. Grazing permits alone would produce at least \$21,311 a year, before development even begins.

Thanks to some hard work by the Park Commission itself under its able chairman, Harold Fabian, and to a dedicated group of Heber Valley leaders under H. Clay Cummings, options have been obtained on practically all the land needed. The Commission is ready now to spend \$350,000 for the key piece of property, a 494-acre tract, and will ask nearly \$1 million from the Legislature for the rest.

**THIS IS AN INVESTMENT** in the future—and in the present, too, for that matter—that Utah simply cannot afford to pass up. Utahns owe their gratitude for the hard work and vision that have made possible the fulfillment of this dream, and will expect the Legislature to be sure the opportunity is not lost.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SENATE CHAMBER  
STATE OF UTAH  
Salt Lake City, Utah

St. George, Utah  
June 15, 1960

Mr. Jim Mouniford  
The Wasatch Wave  
Heber City, Utah

Dear Mr. Mouniford:

On June 13th, it was my pleasure to be at a luncheon given by the businessmen of Wasatch Co. for the members of the Legislative Council and the State Park and Recreation Commission.

I was deeply impressed by the calibre of the leadership in your county as exemplified by such men as Guy Coleman, Clay Cummings, Fern Whitaker and Harold Smith. Your county is very fortunate to have that kind of

leadership and you all should be proud it produces that kind of men.

Sometimes you are so close to outstanding people that you don't see them in their true light. I am sure some of the people in your community do not fully appreciate these men I have named, and others that could be named, for the public service they render, and for the concern they have about community problems.

I just wanted to call this matter to the attention of your readers through the columns of your paper.

Yours truly,  
ORVAL HAFEN  
Member of the State Senate and Utah Legislative Council.







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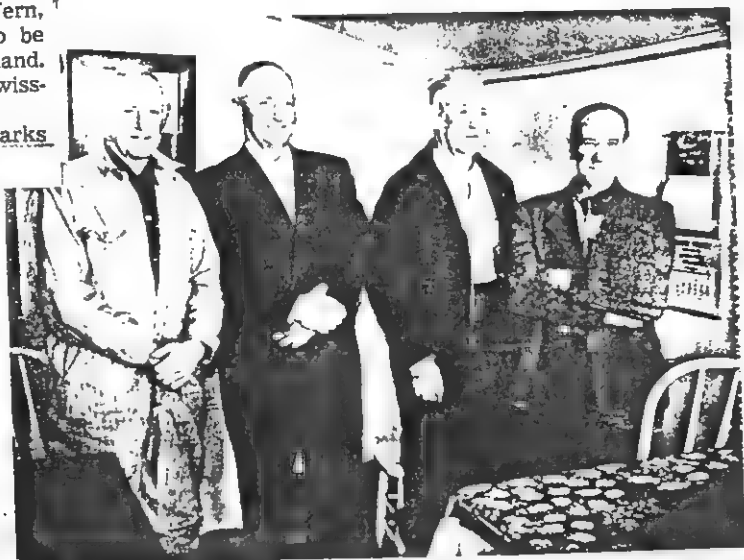
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## H. Clay Cummings Prime Factor in Securing Options

# State Ready To Buy First Parcel Of 24,000-Acre Park West Of Hebe

By LEE FREMSTAD

United Press International

HEBER (UPI) — You can't make reservations or go camping there just yet, but get ready — Utah has a grand, brand new state park in its future.

It will be the Wasatch Mountain State Park—24,000 acres on the east side of the Wasatch Mountains toward the Heber Valley devoted to skiing, camping, hiking, golf and fishing. It's planners fondly hope to see it overshadow Sun Valley, Jackson Hole, Wyo., and similar spots as one of the finest recreation areas in the nation.

And it's already moving from plans in the filing cabinet to an actuality. Next month the State Park and Recreation Commission will buy the first parcel of land, a 500-acre chunk for \$350,000.

### Park Boundaries

The park as envisioned will include as its southern boundary about five miles of Deer Creek Reservoir shoreline, sweep west to the boundary of Forest Service land in the Wasatch Mountains, go north as far as Guardsmen's Pass Road and back again to include some farmland just west of Midway.

The remaining 19,000 acres, thanks to the good offices of H. Clay Cummings, the rancher stockman and four-term mayor of Heber who is acting as the commission's agent, is nearly all under option to Dec. 1, 1961.

"We have it about all sewed up, except for a little residential sub-

division on upper Snake Creek," says Cummings with satisfaction.

With the acreage in hand, the next step will be to find the money to buy it, a job for the Legislature next spring. Dwight Freeman, chief of administration for the commission, thinks the outlook for that is favorable.

It will take just over \$1 million to buy up the rest of the land now under option.

### Options Low

"And we'll never get options like those again," Cummings says. "There's such an interest among real estate men now they would gobble them up instantly at higher prices."

Cummings said the state will pay about \$680 an acre for farm-

land and about \$30 per acre for mountain land. Prices are currently running \$1,000 and \$350 per acre for the same kinds of land.

Once the remaining land is purchased—which will be next year if the Legislature shares the dream of commission director Harold Fabian and Henry J. Moyle of the First Presidency of the Latter-day Saints Church, two prime movers for the park—resort building can start.

The commission plans to invite bids from private concessionaires for the boat docks, ski areas, a golf course, hotels and lodges that will make the area desirable for native and tourist alike.

Cummings and his wife, Ruby,

have been doing the on-the-spot missionary work to interest others in the park. The Cummings and neighbors Nephi and B. Probst and Francis and Al Probst have taken dozens of level visitors on a tour of area which ends with a so-called dinner in the mountains.

Guests have included George D. Clyde, members of the Legislative Council, a representative of Hilton Hotels and others.

"They come out of there very enthusiastic," says Cummings.

New York state, which ranks first among the states of the Union in population, ranks 31st in area.

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HAROLD P. FABIAN, commission chairman, said the final instruments are being drawn up for purchase of a 494-acre tract at the mouth of Snake Creek, Wasatch County.

The commission, he said, has \$350,000 for that purpose.

UNDER OPTIONS extending to Dec. 31, 1961, are all but 300 acres of the proposed 24,000-acre state park—and those 300 acres are expected to be optioned soon.

Mr. Fabian said the commission will require between \$900,000 and one million dollars from the Legislature convening next January to buy the land. The budget request will have top priority, he said.

THE LEGISLATIVE Council made no commitment. But privately, council members said they were convinced by the appeal from the state and local officials.

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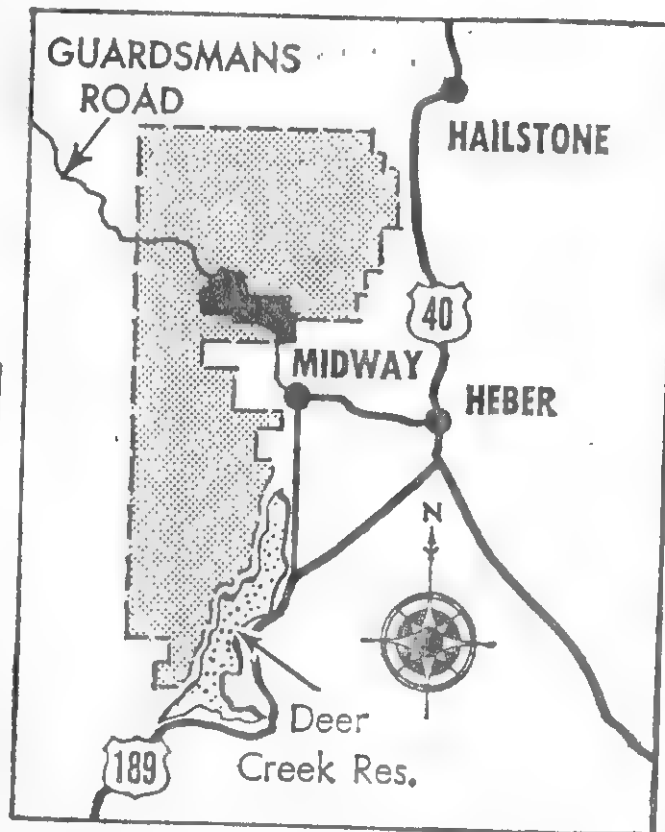
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The Council was asked to urge the 1961 Legislature to provide enough additional money to buy the remainder.

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The commission, he said, has \$350,000 for that purpose.

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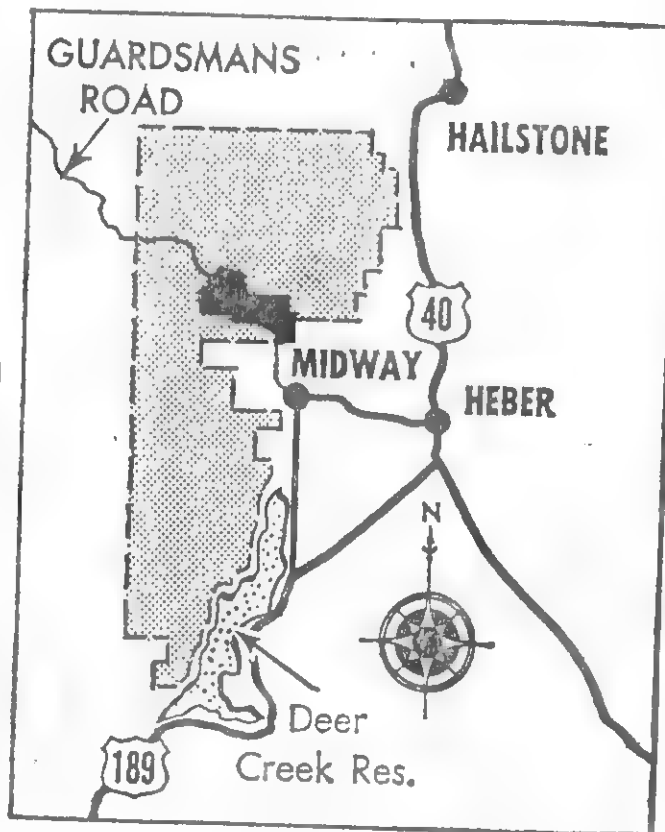
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